

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I. Claim 1, drawn to a receptor recognition factor, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

Group II. Claims 70 and 78, drawn to a recombinant DNA molecule encoding a receptor recognition factor (RRF) protein with four or more consecutive amino acids selected from (a)-(pp) of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Group III. Claim 71, drawn to a recombinant DNA molecule encoding a RRF protein with five or more consecutive amino acids selected from (a)-(x) of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Group IV. Claim 72, drawn to a recombinant DNA molecule encoding a RRF protein with six or more consecutive amino acids selected from (a)-(o) of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Group V. Claim 73, drawn to a recombinant DNA molecule encoding a RRF protein with seven or more consecutive amino acids selected from (a)-(j) of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Group VI. Claim 74, drawn to a recombinant DNA molecule encoding a RRF protein with eight or more consecutive amino acids selected from (a)-(f) of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Group VII. Claim 75, drawn to a recombinant DNA molecule encoding a RRF protein with nine or more consecutive amino acids selected from (a)-(c) of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Group VIII. Claim 76, drawn to a recombinant DNA molecule encoding a RRF protein with ten or more consecutive amino acids selected from (a)-(b) SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Group IX. Claim 77, drawn to a recombinant DNA molecule encoding a RRF protein with eleven or more consecutive amino acids selected from (a)-(pp) of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Group X. Claim 79, drawn to a recombinant DNA molecule encoding a RRF protein which said DNA molecule is capable of hybridizing to SEQ ID NO: 1 under standard conditions, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Group XI. Claim 80, drawn to a recombinant DNA molecule encoding a RRF protein which said DNA molecule is capable of hybridizing to SEQ ID NO: 3 under standard conditions, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Group XII. Claims 81-95, drawn to a recombinant DNA molecule encoding a RRF, wherein the RRF contains one or more of the boxed regions of Figure 8B, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

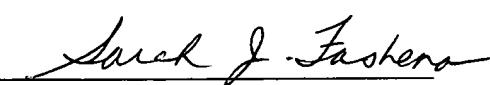
Group XIII. Claim 96, drawn to a method of purifying the recombinant RRF protein of Group XII, classified in class 530, subclass 412+.

Responsive to the Requirement for restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group XI, without traverse, Claim 80, drawn to a recombinant DNA molecule encoding a RRF protein which said DNA molecule is capable of hybridizing to SEQ ID NO: 3 under standard conditions, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

In view of the above, Claim 80 is hereby elected for further prosecution. Moreover, it is Applicants understanding that Claim 69, which is viewed as a linking claim, remains under consideration.

No additional fees are believed to be necessitated by the foregoing Response. However, should this be erroneous, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or credit any overages.

In view of the above, an early action on the merits of the Claims is courteously solicited
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